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**RESCHEDULING OF TIME FOR THE
PROCLAMATION SIGNING FOR THE
“1st ANNUAL GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION MONTH 2016”**

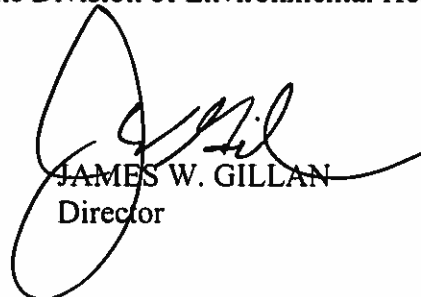
The Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), along with the Guam Environmental Public Health Association (EPHA), would like to announce that the proclamation signing on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in Adelup for the “1st Annual Guam Environmental Public Health Education Month 2016” has been changed to 1:30 pm.

The annual Guam Environmental Public Health Education Month (GEPHEM) replaces the previously held Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month, which DEH had spearheaded the last ten years to educate the community on preventing foodborne diseases. This change was made to highlight all the environmental health programs of the Division, not just food safety. Every year, DEH will highlight one environmental health program during the month of September for public awareness and education.

With the construction of the new Guam Environmental Public Health Laboratory, also known informally as the mosquito lab, coupled with the heightened concerns about the Zika virus that is infecting many around the world through bites of infected *Aedes* mosquitoes, 2016 GEPHEM will focus on mosquito bite prevention and control. This year's GEPHEM theme is “*Fight the Bite!*”

Mosquito education campaign will include a poster contest for elementary schools and an environmental public health fair for the community at the Micronesia Mall's Center Court on September 24, 2016.

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